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Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended paragraph:

A.

A method of for outputting data read from a recording medium includes including decoding data read from a recording medium, embedding electronic watermark information in the decoded data when the decoded data is output as recording data, and outputting the resulting data.